

Frequently Asked Questions



Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report

1. Why was this report developed?

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is providing all New Jersey LEAs access to mSGP data for qualifying teachers from last school year (2012-13) through this NJ SMART report. **These data do not have any consequences for the purposes of this year's evaluation, as it describes student growth from last school year.**

This report provides an excellent opportunity to build understanding of the overall concept of SGPs, mSGPs, and AchieveNJ through focused 1:1 conversations between a teacher and his/her supervisor, if the District elects to leverage these reports in that manner. This reflection of 12-13 mSGP data can also serve as a catalyst to more closely examine their data quality in the data that LEAs submit to NJ SMART and certify throughout the school year.

2. How are Teacher Median SGPs calculated?

The NJDOE established business rules that determine the calculations of teacher mSGPs. These rules are aligned with the TEACHNJ legislation and AchieveNJ regulations. Median SGP data are available only for those who are assigned to teach Language Arts or Mathematics in grades 4–8 by their respective LEAs. For the mSGP to be assigned to a teacher, a teacher must:

- be assigned to a course with a Subject Area of 51, 52, or 73 in the 2012-2013 Course Roster Submission.
- be the teacher of record for at least 60% of the course prior to the NJ ASK assessment (the percentage of time is calculated from the beginning of the year to the first day of NJ ASK testing), and
- have valid SGP scores for at least 20 separate students who are enrolled in the class for at least 70% of the school year before they take the NJ ASK.

The data submitted by the LEA through NJSMART assigns NJ ASK assessments to students, links students to assigned teachers, informs the calculations of course enrollment time, and therefore informs the calculation. Your LEA submissions and administration of SID management, SMID management, NJ ASK Pre-ID, and the Course Roster Submission each tie into the proper linking of assessments to students and the assignment of students to the appropriate teacher.

3. How do I access the Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report?

A click-by-click user guide provides NJ SMART users with directions on how to access the report. A user guide has been published to accompany the report from a functionality and use perspective. These resources are available through the NJ SMART Help and Support Tab. All NJ SMART users are highly encouraged to review those resources.

NJ SMART users are encouraged to contact the NJ SMART Help Desk for questions regarding the functionality of the report.

The staff members within your district or school who are responsible for your NJ SMART data submissions are also an excellent resource for understanding what was officially submitted and certified by your district.

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4. Why do I not see my district in the Staff Report Parameters page when trying to run the Teacher Median SGP District Summary Report?

Districts will not have a 2012-2013 Teacher Median SGP Summary Report if:

- there are no students in grades 4-8.
- no courses with a Subject Area of 52, 53, and 73 (math and language arts) were reported to the Course Roster Submission.
- the district missed the 2012-2013 Course Roster Submission deadline.
- all applicable records were captured in error in the Course Roster Submission.

A user can view the Release History of the 2012-2013 Course Roster Submission on the Refresh/Release page by following the below breadcrumb trail.

[HOME](#) > [Submissions](#) > [Course Roster Submission](#) > [Roster Refresh / Release](#) > Refresh / Release

5. Where do I go for more information on TEACHNJ?

Questions about TEACHNJ, AchieveNJ, and associated policy questions must be directed to the NJDOE. The NJDOE has established an email address for all inquiries that should be directed to the NJDOE Office of Evaluation. That email is as follows: educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us. For more information, please visit the AchieveNJ SGP Web Page: (<http://www.nj.gov/education/AchieveNJ/teacher/percentile.shtml>).

This FAQ document will be revised and refreshed over time as additional common inquiries are expressed by users.